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TO: Airports Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Tuolumne County Airports Staff Report

Members of the Airport Advisory Committee:

The following is the staff report pertaining to activities conducted at the airport outside of those items on the agenda since the last regularly scheduled meeting. Due to the possible lengthy nature of the Hangar Policy item on the agenda I will keep this section short.

Fathers Day Fly In

The Father's Day Fly In was a success. It has set the stage and laid the foundation for building upon the forward momentum generated this year. Our main goal was to increase participation of the event over previous year's numbers as well as increase community interest. Not only did we see an increase in the amount of paid tickets over the two day event, but we also have had great community involvement. We have been receiving a lot of interest by the local business community to partner next year. We also observed a large influx of families over years past and are comfortably estimating the total number of participants at around 4,000 people. We have received many positive comments about the new layout and expanded kids area and activities. While there were definitely some lessons learned and changes to be made for next year's Fly-In, overall reports and comments were very positive. We have a lot of renewed interest in the Fly-In for next year and are happy to report that our Fly-In committee has increased from six individuals to nine. We are planning on beginning planning for next year's fly in a lot earlier and will begin meeting sometime in September/October.

Project Planning at Pine Mountain Lake Airport

We have scoped out a crack sealing project at PML. So far we have received three quotes very close in price. We are currently assessing the estimates and will be moving forward with the project as soon as a contractor is chosen. The current scope of the project will

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crack seal in front of and behind the Gold Country hangars and as an add alternate, continue up around the parking apron to the Pilots Lounge/Office.

FAA Grant Submittals

The grant application submitted for the Columbia Airport Master Plan has been reviewed. Grant applications for two Columbia projects, the Master Plan and the Taxiway B/C Design, have been submitted and coordination has been on-going. Currently we are reviewing and coordinating the appropriate scopes of work for each project. Once this phase is complete we will await for word on grant award from the FAA.

Hangar Inspections

On August 26 and 27th we will be conducting complete hangar inspections on all of the hangars. I will be joined by the Fire Marshal, County Code Compliance, and an FAA Compliance Inspector. We anticipate the entire process to take two days. Upon completion of the inspections airport staff will compile the results and follow up with any notices of violation should any be found. An update on the results will be brought back to the advisory committee at the next scheduled meeting.

Turf Airfield Maintenance

Maintenance has begun on the turf airfield irrigation system. Many of the irrigation heads have been found to be faulty or sinking into the ground. After investigation it was found that roughly half of the irrigation heads were malfunctioning. Repairs have begun and will be ongoing until all of the heads have been replaced or repaired. This may necessitate the turf runway closure from time to time. Maintenance staff will work diligently to ensure that any required runway closures will be kept to a minimum.